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SUBJ: BOMB DETONATION IN FRANKFURT

1. ON APRIL 6, 1978 AT 2:30 AM. A BOMB EXPLODED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FOREIGN REGISTRY OFFICE (ORDNUNGS BEHORDE) ABOUT EIGHT BLOCKS FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN FRANKFURT. THE SITE OF THE EXPLOSION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE OFFICE FILE ROOM. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT DM 100,000. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE INCIDENT.

- 2. THIS MARKS THE THIRD INCIDENT OF THIS NATURE IN THE FRANKFURT AREA DURING THE PAST TEN DAYS.
- 3. ON MARCH 28, 1978, UNKNOWN PERSONS DETONATED A BOMB AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE WIESBADEN PUBLIC UTILITIES OFFICE (30 KMS FROM FRANKFURT) CAUSING ABOUT DM 75,000 DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING AND INJURING THE NIGHT WATCHMAN. THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE EXPLOSION.
- 4. ON MARCH 31, 1978, AT 2:20 AM A FIRE EXTINGUISHER WAS DISCOVERED IN A CLUMP OF BUSHES OUTSIDE THE FRANKFURT CITY LABOR REFORM OFFICE. THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER HAD BEEN WIRED WITH AN ALARM CLOCK WHICH HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCIDENTALLY FALLEN OFF AND DISCONNECTED ITSELF FROM THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER. THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER WAS OPENED BY THE CITY POLICE AND FOUND TO CONTAIN 18 LBS. OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE. THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE INCIDENT.

5. COMMENT: THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL WAS THE MOST

ACTIVE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION IN THE FRG DURING 1976
AND EARLY 1977. FOR A WHILE IT APPEARED AS IF THE
GROUP WOULD SUCCEED THE 2 JUNE MOVEMENT AND THE RED
ARMY FACTION. POLICE HAVE PROVIDED NO COMMENT ON THE
INCIDENT; HOWEVER, THEY DO CONFIDE THEIR TREPIDATION
THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO
REVIVE PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THEIR CAUSE. BLAKE

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